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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
9 WESTERN DIVISION

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11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

12 Plaintiff,

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14 v.

15 MICHAEL LERMA (#1)
16 CHERYL PEREZ-CASTANEDA (#2)
17 JOSE MONTANO (#3)
18 INEZ PEREZ (#4)
19 SEFERINO GONZALEZ (#5)
20 CARLOS GONZALEZ (#6)
21 JUAN SANCHEZ (#7)
22 JOSE VALENCIA GONZALEZ (#8)
23 JOSE MARTINEZ (#9)
24 KELLY DESHANNON (#10)
25 TRISHA PEREZ (#11)
26 DANIEL DIAZ (#12)
27 VICTOR INCLAN (#13)

28 Defendants.

CASE NO.: CR 18-000172-GW

Hon. George H. Wu

ORDER APPOINTING JOHN C.
ELLIS, JR. AS COORDINATING
DISCOVERY ATTORNEY

1 It is hereby **ORDERED** that John C. Ellis, Jr. is appointed as Coordinating
2 Discovery Attorney for court-appointed defense counsel.

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4 The Coordinating Discovery Attorney shall oversee any discovery issues that
5 are common to all the defendants. His responsibilities will include:

- 6 • Managing and, unless otherwise agreed upon with the Government,
7 distributing discovery produced by the Government and relevant
8 third-party information common to all defendants;
- 9 • Assessing the amount and type of case data to determine what types of
10 technology should be evaluated and used so duplicative costs are avoided
11 and the most efficient and cost-effective methods are identified;
- 12 • Acting as a liaison with federal prosecutors to ensure the timely and
13 effective exchange of discovery;
- 14 • Identifying, evaluating, and engaging third-party vendors and other
15 litigation support services;
- 16 • Assessing the needs of individual parties and identifying any additional
17 vendor support that may be required—including copying, scanning,
18 forensic imaging, data processing, data hosting, trial presentation, and
19 other technology depending on the nature of the case; and
- 20 • Identifying any additional human resources that may be needed by the
21 individual parties for the organization and substantive review of
22 information.

23 Therefore, the Coordinating Discovery Attorney shall assess the most
24 effective and cost-efficient manner to organize the discovery with input from
25 defense counsel.

26 Discovery issues specific to any particular defendant shall be addressed by
27 defense counsel directly with the Government and not through the Coordinating
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1 Discovery Attorney. The Coordinating Discovery Attorney's duties do not include
2 providing additional representation services, and he therefore will not be
3 establishing an attorney-client relationship with any of the defendants.
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5 The Government shall provide discovery to the Coordinating Discovery
6 Attorney unless otherwise agreed. To avoid delay in providing discovery to defense
7 counsel, any additional discovery not already produced shall be provided directly
8 to the Coordinating Discovery Attorney, who shall duplicate and distribute the
9 discovery to all defense counsel. The Government shall work with the
10 Coordinating Discovery Attorney to provide discovery in a timely manner.
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13 The Coordinating Discovery Attorney shall petition this Court, *ex parte*, for
14 funds for outside services and shall monitor all vendor invoices for these services
15 including confirming the work was as previously agreed. However, his time and
16 the time spent by his staff will be paid by the Administrative Office of the U.S.
17 Courts, Defender Services Office. All petitions for outside services shall include a
18 basis for the requested funds and a determination that the costs of the services are
19 reasonable.
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22 The Coordinating Discovery Attorney shall also provide this Court with
23 monthly *ex parte* status reports depicting the status of work and if any third-party
24 services are used, whether those services remain within the budget authorized by
25 the Court.
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1 DATED this 11th day of September, 2018.
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6 Hon. George H. Wu
7 U.S. District Judge
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